



Buttonwood Park Zoo

Pre-Visit Lesson: The Wonder of Birds

Aim: For students to understand that birds have special features that make them different from other animals.

Motivation: Why can't humans fly?

Instructional Objectives: Upon completion of this of this activity, students will be able to:

1. Describe the differences between a human and a bird.
2. List three reasons why humans cannot fly. (No wings, no feathers, wrong body shape)
3. List three reasons why a bird can fly. (Wings, feathers, right body shape)

Materials: Pencil

Procedure:

1. Provide each child with a copy of the attached activity sheet and a pencil.
2. Ask them "why can't humans fly?"
3. Have each child circle the differences between the human and the bird on the activity sheet.
4. Discuss the differences the children found. (Wings, feet, legs, beak, body shape, tail, feathers, hands, etc.)
5. List three reasons why humans cannot fly and birds can. (See above for appropriate answers)

Why can't human's fly?

Circle the differences between the human and the bird.
What makes these two animals different, and why?



Human



Bird